

**Amendment No. 1 to HB3580**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 3669\***

**House Bill No. 3580**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-5003 , is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (j) and relettering the present subsection (j) accordingly:

(j)

(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law or public chapter to the contrary, effective September 1, 2006, the annual salary for a general sessions court judge who is compensated under the provisions of this section shall be increased over the annual compensation and supplements and annual adjustments which each judge actually received as of August 31, 2006, by the lesser of:

(A) Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000); or

(B) Twenty percent of such annual compensation and supplements and annual adjustments as of August 31, 2006.

(2) A judge of a general sessions court may not be paid compensation based on both this part and the compensation provisions of a private act.

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, each general sessions court judge in a Class 1 county who is compensated under the provisions of this section shall receive the same compensation as the most highly compensated general sessions court judge in a Class 1 county who is compensated under the provisions of this section.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, each general sessions court judge in a Class 2--7 county who is compensated

under the provisions of this section and who receives the maximum amount of annual supplements shall receive the same compensation as the most highly compensated general sessions court judge in the same county classification who is compensated under the provisions of this section. All other general sessions court judges in Class 2 - 7 counties who are compensated under the provisions of this section shall receive the same compensation as the most highly compensated general sessions court judge in the same county classification with the same jurisdiction who is compensated under the provisions of this section.

(5) Instead of the annual adjustments authorized in subsection (f), on July 1, 2007 and each succeeding July 1, the annual compensation and supplements and annual adjustments established under this section shall be adjusted in accordance with the provisions of § 8-23-103.

(6) Nothing in this part shall be construed as prohibiting a county, by public or private act, from compensating its general sessions court judge or judges at levels in excess of what is required by this section. Any public or private act in effect on September 1, 2006, which provides greater compensation for a general sessions court judge than is required by this section shall, to the extent of the judge's amount of compensation, prevail over the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, a general sessions court judge in a Class 6 county who receives no supplements and who is compensated under the provisions of a private or public act and not under this section shall receive the same increase provided in subdivision 1) of this subsection.

(7) On or before August 1, 2006, each general sessions court judge shall provide to the Administrative Office of the Courts the total amount of such judge's actual compensation as of August 31, 2006, the jurisdictions exercised by such judge, and whether such judge is

compensated under the provisions of this section or under a public or private act. When all judges have provided the required information to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall certify to each general sessions court judge and county mayor in each county the correct amount of compensation to be paid to such general sessions court judge beginning on September 1, 2006. Thereafter, when a new court is created, a new judge takes office, or any similar change occurs, or upon the completion of a new federal census, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall certify the correct amount of compensation to be paid to any judge affected by such change.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it